

Practitioner's Docket No. U 015608-9**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

[x] In re application of: Lubomir DVORAK

Application No.:

Group No.:

Filed:

Examiner:

For: TRAVELING DEVICE PARTICULARLY FOR SELF-PROPELLED MOWER

[ ] \*Patent No.:

Issue Date:

*\*NOTE: Insert name(s) of inventor(s) and title also for patent Where statement is with respect to a maintenance fee payment, also insert application number and filing date, and add Box M. Fee to address.*

**STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(c-f) and 1.27(b-d))**

With respect to the invention described in

[ ] the specification filed herewith.

[X] application no. 10/523,451, filed January 28, 2005.

[ ] patent no. \_\_\_\_\_ issued \_\_\_\_\_.

**I. IDENTIFICATION AND RIGHTS AS A SMALL ENTITY**

I hereby state that I am

*(complete either (a), (b), (c) or (d) below)***(a) Independent Inventor**

[x] a below named independent inventor, and that I qualify as an independent inventor, as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office.

**(b) Noninventor Supporting a Claim by Another**

[ ] making this statement to support a claim by

for a small entity status for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code. I hereby state that I would qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, if I had made the above identified invention.

**(c) Small Business Concern**

[ ] the owner of the small business concern identified below:

check  
one →

[ ] an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

Name of Concern \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Concern \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and  
that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern, as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

(d) Non-Profit Organization

☐ an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

- ☐ University or Other Institution of Higher Education  
☐ Tax Exempt Under Internal Revenue Service Code (26 USC 501(a) and 501(c) (3))  
☐ Nonprofit Scientific or Educational Under Statute of State of the United States of America  
(Name of State \_\_\_\_\_)  
(Citation of Statute \_\_\_\_\_)  
☐ Would Qualify as Tax Exempt Under Internal Revenue Service Code (26 USC 501(a) and 501(c) (3)), if Located in the United States of America  
☐ Would Qualify as Nonprofit Scientific or Educational Under Statute of State of the United States of America, if Located in the United States of America  
(Name of State \_\_\_\_\_)  
(Citation of Statute \_\_\_\_\_)

and that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization, as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(e), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code.

**II. OWNERSHIP OF INVENTION BY DECLARANT**

I hereby state that rights under contract or law remain with and/or have been conveyed to the above identified

☒ person  
(item (a) or (b) above)

☐ concern  
(item (c) above)

☐ organization  
(item (d) above)

EXCEPT, that if the rights held are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below\* and no rights to the invention are held (1) by any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, (2) any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or (3) a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

- ☒ no such person, concern, or organization  
☐ person, concerns or organizations listed below\*

*\*NOTE: Separate statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention as to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)*

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ INDIVIDUAL ☐ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN ☐ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ INDIVIDUAL ☐ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN ☐ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

### III. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DUTY TO NOTIFY PTO OF STATUS CHANGE

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

### IV. DECLARATION

*(check the following item, if desired)*

*NOTE: The following verification statement need not be made in accordance with the rules published on October 10, 1997, 62 Fed. Reg. 52131, effective December 1, 1997.*

*NOTE: "The presentation to the Office (whether by signing, filing, submitting, or later advocating) of any paper by a party, whether a practitioner or non-practitioner, constitutes a certification under § 10.18(b) of this chapter. Violations of § 10.18(b)(2) of this chapter by a party, whether a practitioner or non-practitioner, may result in the imposition of sanctions under § 10.18(c) of this chapter. Any practitioner violating § 10.18(b) may also be subject to disciplinary action. See §§ 10.18(d) and 10.23(c)(15)." 37 CFR 1.4(d)(2).*

- ☐ I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

**V. SIGNATURES**

*(complete only (e) or (f) below)*

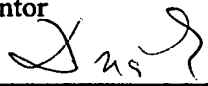
**(e)**

**NOTE:** All inventors must sign the statement.

Lubomir DVORAK

Name of Inventor

**(X)**

  
Signature of Inventor

Date: **(X)** 12. 8. 2005

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Inventor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Inventor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Inventor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Inventor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*(add lines for any additional inventors who must sign)*

or

**(f)**

**NOTE:** The title of the person signing on behalf of a concern or nonprofit organization should be specified.

Name of Person Signing \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Person \_\_\_\_\_

*(if signing on behalf of a concern or non-profit organization)*

Address of Person Signing \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL, DIVISIONAL,  
CONTINUATION, OR C-I-P)

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

**TYPE OF DECLARATION**

This declaration is of the following type:

*(check one applicable item below)*

- ☐ original.  
☐ design.

**NOTE:** *With the exception of a supplemental oath or declaration submitted in a reissue, a supplemental oath or declaration is not treated as an amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 (Amendments after allowance). M.P.E.P. Section 714.16, 7<sup>th</sup> Ed.*

- ☐ supplemental.

**NOTE:** *If the declaration is for an International Application being filed as a divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application, do not check next item; check appropriate one of last three items.*

- ☒ national stage of PCT.

**NOTE:** *If one of the following 3 items apply, then complete and also attach ADDED PAGES FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR C-I-P.*

**NOTE:** *See 37 C.F.R. Section 1.63(d) (continued prosecution application) for use of a prior nonprovisional application declaration in the continuation or divisional application being filed on behalf of the same or fewer of the inventors named in the prior application.*

- ☐ divisional.  
☐ continuation.

**NOTE:** *Where an application discloses and claims subject matter not disclosed in the prior application, or a continuation or divisional application names an inventor not named in the prior application, a continuation-in-part application must be filed under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(b) (application filing requirements-nonprovisional application).*

- ☐ continuation-in-part (C-I-P).

## INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

**WARNING:** *If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims, an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.*

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

## TITLE OF INVENTION

TRAVELING DEVICE PARTICULARLY FOR SELF-PROPELLED MOWER

## SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which:

(complete (a), (b), or (c))

(a) ☐ is attached hereto.

**NOTE:** *"The following combinations of information supplied in an oath or declaration filed on the application filing date with a specification are acceptable as minimums for identifying a specification and compliance with any one of the items below will be accepted as complying with the identification requirement of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.63:*

*"(1) name of inventor(s), and reference to an attached specification which is both attached to the oath or declaration at the time of execution and submitted with the oath or declaration on filing;*

*"(2) name of inventor(s), and attorney docket number which was on the specification as filed; or*

*"(3) name of inventor(s), and title which was on the specification as filed."*

*Notice of July 13, 1995 (1177 O.G. 60).*

(b) ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, ☐ as Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

**NOTE:** *Amendments filed after the original papers are deposited with the PTO that contain new matter are not accorded a filing date by being referred to in the declaration. Accordingly, the amendments involved are those filed with the application papers or, in the case of a supplemental declaration, are those amendments claiming matter not encompassed in the original statement of invention or claims. See 37 C.F.R. Section 1.67.*

**NOTE:** *"The following combinations of information supplied in an oath or declaration filed after the filing date are acceptable as minimums for identifying a specification and compliance with any one of the items below will be accepted as complying with the identification requirement of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.63:*

*(A) application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number, e.g., 08/123,456);*

*(B) serial number and filing date;*

*(C) attorney docket number which was on the specification as filed;*

*(D) title which was on the specification as filed and reference to an attached specification which is both attached to the oath or declaration at the time of execution and submitted with the oath or declaration; or*

*(E) title which was on the specification as filed and accompanied by a cover letter accurately identifying the application for which it was intended by either the application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number, e.g., 08/123,456), or serial number and filing date. Absent any statement(s) to the contrary, it will be presumed that the application filed in the PTO is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the oath or declaration.*

*M.P.E.P. § 601.01(a), 7th ed.*

- (c) ☒ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. CZ2003/000045 filed on August 11, 2003 and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION (37 C.F.R. Section 1.67(b))**

*(complete the following where a supplemental declaration is being submitted)*

☐ I hereby declare that the subject matter of the

☐ attached amendment

☐ amendment filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

was part of my/our invention and was invented before the filing date of the original application, above identified, for such invention.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56,

*(also check the following items, if desired)*

☒ and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and

☐ in compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.98.

**PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. Section 119(a)-(d))**

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.55 Claim for foreign priority.

*"(a) An applicant in a nonprovisional application may claim the benefit of the filing date of one or more prior foreign applications under the conditions specified in 35 U.S.C. 119(a) through (d) and (f), 172, and 365(a) and (b).*

*(1)(i) In an original application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a), the claim for priority must be presented during the pendency of the application, and within the later of four months from the actual filing date of the application or sixteen months from the filing date of the prior foreign application. This time period is not extendable. The claim must identify the foreign application for which priority is claimed, as well as any foreign application for the same subject matter and having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed, by specifying the application number, country (or intellectual property authority), day, month, and year of its filing. The time period in this paragraph does not apply to an application for a design patent.*

*(ii) In an application that entered the national stage from an international application after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371, the claim for priority must be made during the pendency of the application and within the time limit set forth in the PCT and the Regulations under the PCT."*

(2) The claim for priority and the certified copy of the foreign application specified in 35 U.S.C. 119(b) or PCT Rule 17 must, in any event, be filed before the patent is granted. If the claim for priority or the certified copy of the foreign application is filed after the date the issue fee is paid, it must be accompanied by the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i), but the patent will not include the priority claim unless corrected by a certificate of correction under 35 U.S.C. 255 and § 1.323.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

(complete (d) or (e))

- (d) ☐ no such applications have been filed.  
(e) ☒ such applications have been filed as follows.

NOTE: Where item (c) is entered above and the International Application which designated the U.S. itself claimed priority check item (e), enter the details below and make the priority claim.

**PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS  
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION  
AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. SECTION 119(a)-(d)**

COUNTRY (OR INDICATE IF PCT)	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING DAY, MONTH, YEAR	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119
CZ	PV 2002-2755	13 AUGUST 2002	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO



**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)**  
(35 U.S.C. Section 119(e))

**NOTE:** 35 U.S.C. 119(e)(1) requires that a nonprovisional application be filed within twelve months of the filing date of the provisional application for the nonprovisional application to claim the benefit of the filing date of the provisional application. Under 35 U.S.C. 21(b) and 119(e)(3), if this twelve-month period expires on a non-business day, it is extended to expire on the next business day.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

**PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER**

**FILING DATE**

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
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**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S)**  
**UNDER 35 U.S.C. SECTION 120**

- [ ] The claim for the benefit of any such applications are set forth in the attached  
**ADDED PAGES TO COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR CONTINUATION-IN-PART (C-I-P)  
APPLICATION.**

**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS  
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** If the application filed more than 12 months from the filing date of this application is a PCT filing forming the basis for this application entering the United States as (1) the national stage, or (2) a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part, then also complete **ADDED PAGES TO COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR C-I-P APPLICATION** for benefit of the prior U.S. or PCT application(s) under 35 U.S.C. Section 120.

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I hereby appoint the following practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

*(list name and registration number)*

JOSEPH H. HANDELMAN, 26179

JULIAN H. COHEN, 20302

JOHN RICHARDS, 31053

WILLIAM R. EVANS 25858

RICHARD J. STREIT, 25765

JANET I. CORD, 33778

PETER D. GALLOWAY, 27885

CLIFFORD J. MASS, 30086

RICHARD P. BERG, 28145

STEVEN I. WALLACH, 35402

*(Check the following item, if applicable)*

☒ I hereby appoint the practitioner(s) associated with the Customer Number provided above and below to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Customer No. 00140

☐ Attached, as part of this declaration and power of attorney, is the authorization of the above-named practitioner(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s).

**NOTE:** "Special care should be taken in continuation or divisional applications to ensure that any change of correspondence address in a prior application is reflected in the continuation or divisional application. For example, where a copy of the oath or declaration from the prior application is submitted for a continuation or divisional application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and the copy of the oath or declaration from the prior application designates an old correspondence address, the Office may not recognize, in the continuation or divisional application, the change of correspondence address made during the prosecution of the prior application. Applicant is required to identify the change of correspondence address in the continuation or divisional application to ensure that communications from the Office are mailed to the current correspondence address. 37 CFR 1.63(d)(4)." Section 601.03, M.P.E.P., 7th Ed

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**SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO**

Customer No.:



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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

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26 West 61<sup>st</sup> Street  
New York, N.Y. 10023**

**DIRECT TELEPHONE CALLS TO:**

*(Name and telephone number)*

William R. Evans  
(212) 708-1930

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*(complete the following if applicable)*

This is the filing of ☐ continuation ☐ divisional and there is attached hereto a Change of Correspondence Address so that there will be no question as to where the PTO should direct all correspondence.

**DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

## SIGNATURE(S)

**NOTE:** Carefully indicate the family (or last) name, as it should appear on the filing receipt and all other document.

**NOTE:** Each inventor must be identified by full name, including the family name, and at least one given name without abbreviation together with any other given name or initial, and by his/her residence, post office address and country of citizenship. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.63(a)(3).

**NOTE:** Inventors may execute separate declarations/oaths provided each declaration/oath sets forth all the inventors. Section 1.63(a)(3) requires that a declaration/oath, inter alia, identify each inventor and prohibits the execution of separate declarations/oaths which each sets forth only the name of the executing inventor. 62 Fed. Reg. 53,131, 53,142, October 10, 1997,

### Full name of sole or first inventor

1 - 8 Lubomir (Given Name) (Middle Initial or Name) DVORAK Family (Or Last Name)

Inventor's signature (X) [Signature]

Date (X) 12. 8. 2005 Country of Citizenship Czech Republic

Residence Havlickuv Brod, Czech Republic CZ

Post Office Address Dvorce 62, 580 01 Havlickuv Brod, Czech Republic

### Full name of second joint inventor, if any

(Given Name) (Middle Initial or Name) Family (Or Last Name)

Inventor's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Post Office Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Full name of third joint inventor, if any

(Given Name) (Middle Initial or Name) Family (Or Last Name)

Inventor's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Post Office Address \_\_\_\_\_

*(check proper box(es) for any of the following added page(s)  
that form a part of this declaration)*

☐ **Signature** for fourth and subsequent joint inventors. *Number of pages added* \_\_\_\_\_

\* \* \*

☐ **Signature** by administrator(trix), executor(trix) or legal representative for deceased or incapacitated inventor. *Number of pages added* \_\_\_\_\_

\* \* \*

☐ **Signature** for inventor who refuses to sign or cannot be reached by person authorized under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.47. *Number of pages added* \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Added page for **signature** by one joint inventor on behalf of deceased inventor(s) where legal representative cannot be appointed in time. (37 C.F.R. Section 1.47)

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☐ Added pages to combined declaration and power of attorney for divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part (C-I-P) application.

☐ Number of pages added \_\_\_\_\_

\* \* \*

☐ Authorization of practitioner(s) to accept and follow instructions from representative.

*(If no further pages form a part of this Declaration,  
then end this Declaration with this page and check the following item)*

☒ This declaration ends with this page.

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**CHAPTER II**

**IN THE UNITED STATES ELECTED OFFICE (EO/US)**

PCT/CZ2003/00045                      11 August 2003                      13 August 2002  
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.      INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE      PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

TRAVELING DEVICE PARTICULARLY FOR SELF-PROPELLED MOWER  
TITLE OF INVENTION

Lubomir DVORAK  
APPLICANT(S)

**Mail Stop PCT**  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P. O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**ATTENTION: EO/US**

**COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS  
FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION ENTERING U.S. NATIONAL STAGE  
IN U.S. ELECTED OFFICE (EO/US) UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371**

*(check and complete the applicable item, if applicable)*

- ☒ This replies to the Notice of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.495 (FORM PCT/DO/EO/905).
- ☒ A copy of FORM PCT/DO/EO/905 accompanies this response.

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10\***  
*(Express Mail label number is mandatory.)*  
*(Express Mail certification is optional.)*

I hereby certify that this Completion of Filing Requirements and the papers indicated as being transmitted therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date September 9, 2005, in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," Mailing Label Number EV480461340US, addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Geraldine Marti

*(type or print name of person mailing paper)*



Signature of person mailing paper

**WARNING:** Certificate of mailing (first class) or facsimile transmission procedures of 37 C.F.R. 1.8 cannot be used to obtain a date of mailing or transmission for this correspondence.

**\*WARNING:** Each paper or fee filed by "Express Mail" must have the number of the "Express Mail" mailing label placed thereon prior to mailing. 37 C.F.R. 1.10(b).  
"Since the filing of correspondence under § 1.10 without the Express Mail mailing label thereon is an oversight that can be avoided by the exercise of reasonable care, requests for waiver of this requirement will not be granted on petition." Notice of Oct. 24, 1996, 60 Fed. Reg. 56,439, at 56,442.

**WARNING:** Where the items being submitted to complete the entry of the international application into the national phase are subsequent to 30 months from the priority date the application is still considered to be in the international state and if mailing procedures are utilized to obtain a date the express mail procedure of 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 must be used (because international application papers are not covered by an ordinary certificate of mailing. 37 C.F.R. § 108(2)(xi).

**NOTE:** Documents and fees must be clearly identified as a submission to enter the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371. Otherwise, the submission will be considered as being made under 35 U.S.C. § 111. 37 C.F.R. § 1.495(g).

## DECLARATION OR OATH

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.495(c): "If applicant complies with paragraph (b) of this section before expiration of thirty months from the priority date but omits . . . the oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4) and § 1.497), if a declaration of inventorship in compliance with § 1.497 has not been previously submitted in the international application under PCT Rule 4.17 (iv) within the time limits provided for in PCT Rule 26ter.1, applicant will be so notified and given a period of time within which to file the . . . oath or declaration in order to prevent abandonment of the application . . . . The payment of the surcharge set forth in § 1.492(e) is required for acceptance of the oath or declaration of the inventor later than the expiration of *thirty* months after the priority date."

I. (a) ☒ No original declaration or oath was filed. Enclosed is the original declaration or oath for this application.

## OR

(b) ☐ The declaration or oath that was filed was determined to be defective. A new original oath or declaration is attached.

**NOTE:** For surcharge fee for filing declaration after filing date complete item IV(3)

**NOTE:** NOTE: Acceptable minimums in the declaration in an ordinarily filed U.S. application for identification of the specification to which it applies are:

- (A) application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number, e.g., 08/123,456);
- (B) serial number and filing date;
- (C) attorney docket number which was on the specification as filed;
- (D) title which was on the specification as filed and reference to an attached specification which is both attached to the oath or declaration at the time of execution and submitted with the oath or declaration; or
- (E) title which was on the specification as filed and accompanied by a cover letter accurately identifying the application for which it was intended by either the application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number, e.g., 08/123,456), or serial number and filing date. Absent any statement(s) to the contrary, it will be presumed that the application filed in the PTO is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the oath or declaration.

M.P.E.P. § 602, 8<sup>th</sup> ed.

**NOTE:** Another minimum found acceptable in the declaration is the filing date (i.e., date of express mail) and the express mail number, useful where the serial number is not yet known. But note the practice where the express mail deposit is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday within the District of Columbia. 37 C.F.R. § 1.10(c).

**NOTE:** See 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(a).

(complete as applicable)

Attached is a

- (a) ☐ Statement by practitioner that papers attached to declaration are a copy of those filed in PTO to get a filing date
- (b) ☐ Statement that substitute specification contains no new matter.
- (c) ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- (d) ☐ Submission of "Sequence Listing," computer readable copy, and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence

**TRANSMITTAL OF ENGLISH TRANSLATION  
OF NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS**

- II.** ☐ Submitted herewith is an English translation of the non-English language international application papers as originally filed. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the PTO. (See 37 C.F.R. 1.495(c))

*NOTE: For fee for processing a non-English application, complete item IV(4).*

*NOTE: A non-English oath or declaration in the form provided or approved by the PTO need not be translated. 37 C.F.R. § 1.69(b).*

**FEES**

**III.**

*NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a).*

**1. Fees for search, exam or claims**

- ☐ Non-U.S. Search Report filed —\$400.00;  
small entity—\$200.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ No Search Report —\$500.00; small entity —\$250.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Exam Fee not paid to U. S.—\$200.00; small entity—\$100.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Search and Exam fee with U.S. WO or IPER conditions  
not satisfied—\$100.00; small entity—\$50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Search and Exam fee with U.S. WO or IPER conditions  
satisfied—\$0.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Spec and drawing, each 50 pages over 100  
37 C.F.R. 1.16(s)—\$250.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Each independent claim in excess of 3  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.492—\$200.00; small entity—\$100.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ each claim in excess of 20  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.492—\$50.00; small entity—\$25.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ multiple dependent claims(s)  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.492—\$360.00; small entity—\$180.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2. Surcharge fees

- ☒ surcharge set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.492(e) for accepting  
the declaration later than 30 months after the priority date  
in filing an application in the U.S. as a designated  
office—\$130.00; small entity—\$65.00 \$ 65.00

*NOTE: The processing fee in the next item 3 below is not subject to a reduction for small entity status.*

3. ☐ processing fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.492(f)  
for acceptance of an English translation later  
than 30 months after the priority date—\$130.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Fees** \$ 65.00

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**SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

- IV. a. ☒ A Statement or Written Assertion that this filing is by a small entity

*NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a).*

*(check and complete applicable items)*

- ☒ is attached.
- ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ was made by paying the basic national fee as a small entity.
- b. ☐ A separate refund request accompanies this paper.



## EXTENSION OF TIME

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

V.

The proceedings herein are for a patent application. Accordingly, the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked out below:

	Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<input type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	three months	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	four months	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 795.00

**NOTE:** The 2-month time period for reply to A Notice to File Missing Parts of an Application is not identified on the Notice as a statutory period subject to 35 U.S.C. 133. Thus, extensions of time of up to 5 months under 37 CFR 1.136(a), followed by additional time under 37 CFR 1.136(b), when appropriate, are permitted. MPEP 710.02(d)(c), 8<sup>th</sup> ed.

<input type="checkbox"/>	five months	\$ 2,160.00	\$ 1,080.00
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Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

or

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

## TOTAL FEE DUE

### VI.

The total fee due is:

Completion fee(s)      \$65.00  
Extension fee (if any)    \$        
TOTAL FEE DUE    \$65.00

## PAYMENT OF FEES

### VII.

- ☒ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 65.00  
☐ Charge Account No. 12-0425 in the amount of \$             
☐ A duplicate of this request is attached.

*NOTE: Fees should be itemized in such a manner that it is clear for which purpose the fees are paid. 37 C.F.R. § 1.22(b).*

## AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

### VIII.

**WARNING:** *Accurately count claims, especially multiple dependent claims, to avoid unexpected high charges if extra claims are authorized.*

**NOTE:** *"A written request may be submitted in an application that is an authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. An authorization to charge all required fees, fees under § 1.17, or all required extension of time fees will be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission. Submission of the fee set forth in § 1.17(a) will also be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission." 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).*

**NOTE:** *"Amounts of twenty-five dollars or less will not be returned unless specifically requested within a reasonable time, nor will the payer be notified of such amounts; amounts over twenty-five dollars may be returned by check or, if requested, by credit to a deposit account." 37 C.F.R. § 1.26(a).*

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No. 12-0425

- ☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.492(a), (b) or (c) (search or exam fee)  
☐ 37 C.F.R. § 1.492(b), (c), and (d) (presentation of extra claims)

**NOTE:** *Because additional fees for excess or multiple dependent claims not paid on filing or on later presentation must only be paid or these claims cancelled by amendment prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the PTO in any notice of fee deficiency (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d)), it might be best not to authorize the PTO to charge additional claim fees, except possibly when dealing with amendments after final action.*

- ☒ 37 C.F.R. 1.16(s) (spec and drawing, each 50 pages over 100)  
☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (application processing fees)  
☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to § 1.136(a)).

**NOTE:** Section 1.311(b) provides that an authorization to charge the issue fee (§ 1.18) to a deposit account may be filed in an individual application **only after the mailing of the notice of allowance**. Accordingly, general authorizations to any fees and specific authorizations to pay the issue fee that are filed prior to the mailing of a notice of allowance will generally not be treated as requesting payment of the issue fee and will not be given effect to act as a reply to the notice of allowance. Applicant, when paying the issue fee, should submit a new authorization to charge fees, such as by completing box 6b on the current PTOL 85-B form. Where no reply to the notice of allowance is received, the application will stand abandoned notwithstanding the presence of general authorizations to pay fees or a specific authorization to pay the issue fee that were submitted prior to mailing of the notice of allowance. Where an attempt is made to pay the issue fee but an incorrect amount is submitted, § 1.311(b)(1), or where the Office's issue fee transmittal form (currently PTOL-85(B)) is completed by applicant and submitted, § 1.311(b)(2), in reply to a notice of allowance, an exception will be made. Such submissions will operate as a request to charge the issue fee to any deposit account identified in a previously filed (i.e., submitted prior to the mailing of the notice of allowance) authorization to charge fees, and will be allowed to act as payment of the correct issue fee. § 1.311(b). See also the change to § 1.26(b), Notice of September 8, 2000, Fed. Reg. 54603-54683, at 54646 and 54647.

- ☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.492(e) and/or (f) surcharge fees for filing the declaration and/or an English translation of an international application later than 30 months from the earliest-claimed priority date.

**WARNING:** It would be wise to always check this last authorization.

Refund any overpayment to deposit account 12-0425.

  
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